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MSIPC begins countdown until competition

By Jerry Manter
Editor-in-Chief

The countdown to the first piano key being struck for the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition is underway.

Beginning April 19, 35 contestants from around the world will make Joplin their home and participate in the competitive contest.

"People find this competition hard to get into," said Vivian León, director of the MSIPC.

Contest hopefuls must submit a 20 to 30-minute audition video of them playing a variety of solo works. If contestants make it past the preliminary round, a more complicated and challenging semi and final round audition takes place.

"We have stiff requirements," León said.

Applications have been filed from all over the world. Several are from Asia and Russia and the United States. But in some instances, the application requires León to check out a detailed map. One applicant this year is from Kyrgyzstan.

"Sometimes we don't even know where the country is," she said.

León began her career at Southern as a music instructor. The department head at the time asked her if she would be willing to help coordinate the project, which began in 1987. The effort took more time than expected. So eventually, León had to quit her instruction position and also closed down her own music studio so she could devote her time to the event.

Vivian León
Director of MSIPC

"I knew the piano competition had so much potential," she said.

Over the years, winners have been from Hong Kong, Russia, the United States, South Africa and Hungary.

The 2002 grand prize winner was Robert Henry.

The top winner receives $10,000 and a chance to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

"These people are so talented," she said.

All 35 contestants stay in Joplin with host families during the weeklong competition. Host families must have proper amenities for the contestant in order for them to be considered as a host.

Dr. Brad Kleindl, dean for the school of business, and his family had a contestant from the Czech Republic.

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FRIDAY THE 13TH

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Joplin Police Department and emergency workers survey the scene of a collision that occurred when a van struck a light pole near the corner of Newman and Duquesne roads Feb. 13. According to the police report, a College Heights student was turning left to go south on Duquesne Road when his history project began to slide across the backseat of the vehicle he was driving. When he reached back to grab the history project, his van hit the light pole. He received minor injuries but refused medical treatment.

Department moves closer to accreditation

By Philip Martin
Executive Editor

> *"Their report is really substantial to the whole process."*
>
> **Dr. Barbara Box**
> *Nursing Department Head*

The nursing department received specialized care Feb. 10-12.

Evaluators from the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission visited the nursing department to evaluate the baccalaureate.

Dr. Barbara Box, head of the nursing department, said the process for accreditation is not complete.

"One of the aspects of accreditation is it is not immediate," Box said.

Box said to achieve accreditation the department has to go through three steps. The first step, after submitting the application and self-study report, is to have the evaluators come to campus. Box said when the evaluators made the trip to campus only half of the first step was done. After the evaluators visit the campus, they write a report and submit it to the commission. She said the report can make or break the process.

"Their report is really substantial to the whole process ... (along with) the statistical analysis that the accreditation agency has done, usually they're very similar," Box said.

After the report the process can move onto the second step of the process. The second step involves a review panel, made up of "very noted nursing persons." The panel takes the self-study report and reviews with the evaluators on standby in case any questions arise. This step of the process does not happen until July in Miami Beach, Fla.

The last step of the process is approval from the NLNAC. The NLNAC will not decide on the matter until early August.

Box said she believes the process will go in favor of Missouri Southern.

"Based on the analysis they've done previously with program evaluators reports, the review panels and commission, I think that we are going to be very successful," Box said. "The report we had was very, very positive."

Box said when the evaluators were on campus they looked at all aspects of the nursing program while they were at Missouri Southern.

"They evaluate us, while they are here, with our self-study report," she said. "The team of two, Dr. Beverly Craig and Dr. Rebecca Burris, had to complete their work in a short period of time."

Box said what Craig and Burris were doing was "verifying, amplifying and providing explanations to our self-study report." The nursing department provided enough documentation to set aside a reading room for the evaluators. The

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University enrollment drops by 410

By Monique Jamerson
Staff Writer

Enrollment has decreased over the past three semesters but University administrators plan to combat the decline.

Total enrollment for this semester is about 5,000 students and of those, 3,330 are full-time. Fall 2003 enrollment was 5,410 students and of those, 3,531 were full-time.

Southern is currently housing 400 students and has lost about 60 at semester due to graduation and withdrawal from college.

Enrollment

- Has dropped by 410
- Fall '03 — 5,410
- Spring '04 — 5,000
- Housing drops by 60

Deb Gipson, director of student housing and the Student Life Center, said when enrollment numbers are down, student housing is affected.

"We are making changes and there are some things that we are trying to do in order to promote our University," Gipson said.

Gipson said fees have been set for next year and they have not been changed.

"Instead of having two meal plans, there will be three and we will also start serving Sunday dinner," she said.

Along with the 10 and 15 weekly meal plans, students will receive "Lionbucks" which can be used at several locations on campus.

Due to the increased population of international students, Gipson said it's necessary that they serve dinner on Sunday.

Southern will now start serving a late night dinner from 9-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday for those who don't have a chance to eat at regular dinner hours.

"We are really trying to open up new options for the student," Gipson said.

Another change Southern has come up with is its residence hall deposit system. If students live on campus and fulfills their contract they will receive double their deposit at the end of the year.

Gipson said the resident directors are coming up with ways and activities to attract people to Southern.

Gipson said with all of the changes happening, she is sure there will be an overall

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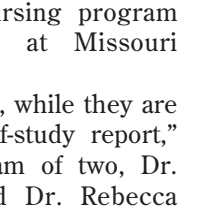

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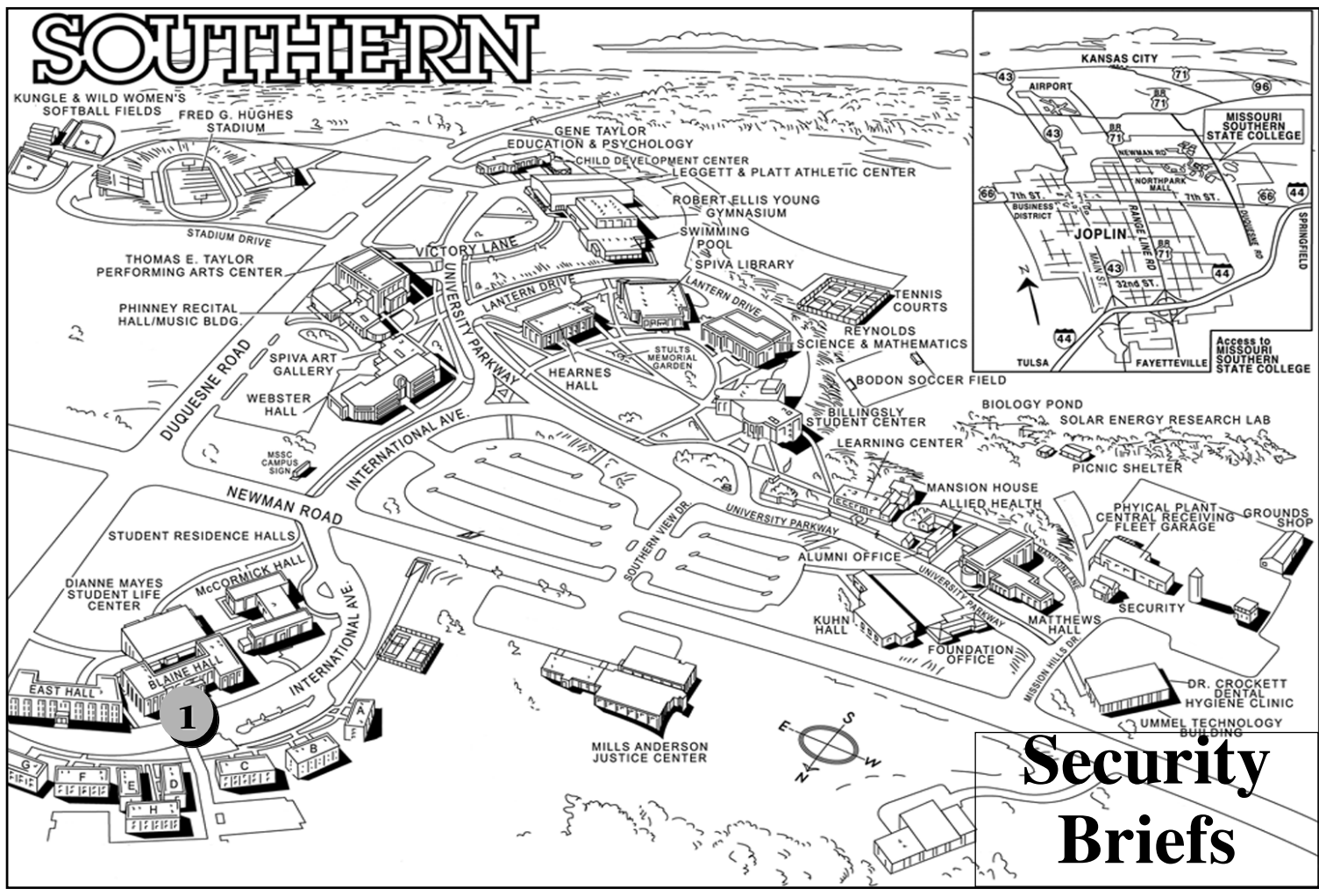

Security Briefs

'Very intoxicated' driver offroads in front of Blaine

1 Property Destruction

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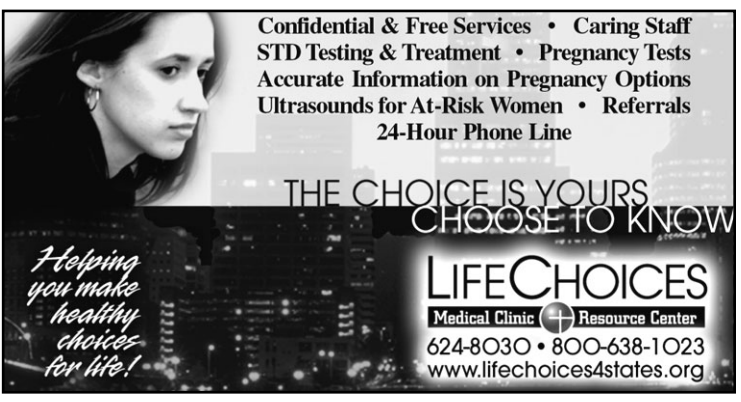
Midnight

Security was notified by a student who stated he witnessed another student driving a truck on the grass.

The driver and passenger admitted they had drank eight or nine beers each and appeared to be "very intoxicated." They said a friend had bought the alcohol for them and they drank it off campus.

The friend drove the two back to campus where they decided to take the truck out for a drive. The driver said he would pay for any damages done.

Security briefs are compiled from the Missouri Southern Department of Public Safety reports.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Campus Calendar

Mad Cow comes to Southern with interactive teleconference

Lifelong Learning is hosting an interactive teleconference for a public forum on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, commonly called Mad Cow disease, from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday in Spiva Library, Room 418.

Cost is $10 per person and pre-registration is requested. The conference will feature Dr. Jeffrey Tyler, DVM and a professor in the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine.

The teleconference will originate from Jefferson City and focus on the basic biology and health risks associated with BSE.

The format will include a short presentation followed by a question and answer session.

For information or to register persons may call 625-9384.

Deadlines for financial aid loom in near future for students

Students interested in applying for summer financial aid may apply by stopping by the Financial Aid Office on or after March 1.

Pell grants are not available for the summer semester. Students must be enrolled in at least three credit hours to apply for aid. Intersession classes do not qualify for aid.

Missouri Southern's Patron scholarship priority deadline is March 1 for the 2004-05 year.

Students wanting to apply for Missouri state aid for the 2004-05 school year need to fill out the FAFSA and turn it in no later than April 1.

For additional information persons may visit the U.S. Department of Education's Web site www.dhe.mo.gov.

Students serve up tips for trip to Paris during spring break

Shoney's in Neosho will be hosting Missouri Southern students as wait personnel from 4-10 p.m. Saturday. The tips raised will help benefit students who will be traveling to Paris for spring break.

The students include: Susie Murphy, senior speech communication major; Sarah Reed, senior general studies major; Janet Boyd, junior communicaitions-public relations major; Jennifer McMillian, freshman undecided major; and Laurel Stebbins, senior special education major.

Hollingshead wins tournament, team eyes Missouri for next win

The Missouri Southern Speech and Debate Squad competed in the Simmons and Suffolk Swing Tournament in Boston, Feb. 14-15. There were 42 debaters from 22 schools representing nine states at the Simmons tournament on Feb. 14. On Feb. 15, there were 36 debaters from 22 schools representing nine states at Suffolk University.

At the Simmons part of the tournament in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Wesley Carrillo, junior political science major, and Jeremy Hollingshead, senior finance economics major, qualified for octo-finals round with 3-1 records. Bonnie Leiby, senior speech communication/English major, was named fifth place individual LD speaker.

On Feb. 15 at Suffolk University, Eric Crinnian, freshman undecided major; Tyler Coble, junior psychology major; Carillo and Hollingshead all qualified for elimination rounds.

Coble lost in quarterfinals and Carillo lost in semifinals. Hollingshead went to the final round and won the tournament on a 2-1 decision. The team next heads to the University of Missouri for the Missouri state tournament, Saturday and Sunday.

Faculty, staff receive advice during annual health fair in BSC

Southern faculty and staff are invited to Health Fest 2004 in the Billingsly Student Center, third floor.

The event will be from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Free services provided include: a blood pressure check; blood cholesterol, glucose check; prostate cancer screen; osteoporosis screen; body fat composition; and lipid panel. Additional services include: enhanced blood chemical profile and thyroid panel. A fee is charged for these services.

A detailed flyer should be arriving through campus mail to all faculty and staff. For information, persons may contact Darren Fullerton at 625-9392.

Alumni plans study trip to Oxford, choose between different courses

Alumni and friends of Missouri Southern have the opportunity to spend three weeks at Oxford University this summer with students and faculty. The trip takes place July 5-24.

Participants can choose to take either the English Estates and Gardens or the Tolkien in Oxford course while residing at Oxford's Merton College.

The program fee, including meals and lodging, is $3,750. Participants are responsible for airfare and additional costs while in England. For information, persons may contact Dr. Chad Stebbins at 625-9736.

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Students raise funds for center

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

The Students Nursing Association does not stop spreading love once Valentine's Day is over.

The SNA is raising money for the Cerebral Palsy Center in Webb City by selling hearts. Amanda VanDaGriff, senior nursing major and president of SNA, said the center ended the fund-raiser on Feb. 14, but the SNA will continue with the project for another couple of weeks.

"I think it's a good way to raise awareness for a facility close to us."

Amanda VanDaGriff
Senior Nursing Major

VanDaGriff said the association has held the fund-raiser before.

"The Cerebral Palsy Center in Webb City will contact us and ask us to sell their hearts," VanDaGriff said.

"They contacted us, we helped them last year, and we're doing it again this year."

She said the organization does the project for many reasons.

"It's a community service project," VanDaGriff said.

"Also, we have clinical there our junior year, the nursing students do. It's kind of a way to help them out."

VanDaGriff said she thinks the fund-raiser is a good way to help out the community.

"I think it's a good way to raise awareness for a facility close to us," she said.

"Not a lot of people know there is a center like that in Webb City. I think it raises awareness about funding that is needed."

Sally Keeling, assistant executive director of the CP Center, said the funds raised by the students help reach part of the community otherwise not reached. Keeling said the money raised from the hearts program goes toward the annual telethon.

"The money will be presented at the telethon; businesses in the area help raise the money," Keeling said.

"Some raise a small amount, but

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Fighting fires to hitting the books

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Earle Goddard, junior paralegal major, began his career as a firefighter at the Duenweg Volunteer Fire Department.

Retired firefighter takes on classes later in life

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Being a fire fighter is all Earl Goddard has ever known.

His career and lifestyle revolved around it.

"He's been one of the best," said Allyn Reding, Duenweg fire chief. "He never backs down, and he will never let you down."

Around these districts, Goddard can be considered a fire-fighting legend.

"My life dream was to be a firefighter," Goddard said. "It just came to me."

Goddard spent about 40 years of his life dedicated to the profession. The profession is all he knows. His friends are firefighters. He dreams about fighting fires.

"I started riding fire trucks when I was about 16 years old," Goddard said.

Goddard, a junior paralegal major, spent several years as a volunteer firefighter with Duenweg. It was a small firehouse, but the people there made the stressful environment friendly. Goddard wanted to work for the Joplin Fire Department, but at that time, only Joplin residents could work for the department.

"You couldn't get hired in Joplin," he said.

In 1974, government regulations were issued for area fire departments. At the time, Joplin had two swing shifts. This new government policy required the JFD to issue a third shift. This opened the door for Goddard, and he went to work. His supervisors were top-notch. The atmosphere was everything he wanted.

"I was amazed at the equipment," he said.

For several years, Goddard worked in several areas of the department. His persistence and loyalty paid off. He became the department's youngest district chief, and eventually became the department's first fire marshal.

In 2004, however, that lifestyle is all gone. At 61 years old, he's no longer fighting home fires. Toward the latter part of his career, he became a fire inspector.

He's not doing that anymore, either. He's gone back to school.

"One of my loves has always been law," Goddard said. "I just never had the opportunity to do it."

Since retiring from the fire department in 1995, Goddard worked briefly in the production department at Eagle Picher in Seneca. The plant closed in 2001.

"Because our jobs were lost, we all qualified for federal money," he said. "Since I had the money available, I thought I would go back to school."

Being inside the classroom with students who are young enough to be his grandchildren, Goddard said it's taken time and patience to adjust to the new surroundings.

Some subjects have been more challenging then others.

It has been 42 years since he's been in a classroom.

"The sciences and math have been the hardest part," he said. "My memory doesn't always hold."

Dr. Laura Atkins, instructor of mathematics, has Goddard in her Math 030 course.

"I greatly admire him," Atkins said. "I know it's been a victory for him coming back."

Atkins said non-traditional students, such as Goddard, often have more challenges than average college-age students.

"In general, most of them need more self confidence," Atkins said.

She said once non-traditional students become comfortable and attain the skills necessary for college, then those students will succeed.

"Once they get the basic operations, they will do better," she said. "They understand the value of an education."

If all goes well, Goddard plans to work in a law office in town. If that doesn't work out, he will use his degree to substitute at an elementary school.

"It's a good feeling that God's given me this opportunity," he said. "It's a second youth — there really is life after 60."

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Editor's Column

Let's put an end to all the fighting

Wow. When I was offered the position of Public Forum Editor in the fall, I had no idea I was going to be the moderator for an all out verbal judo. What has caused all of the fuss? An editor's column about abortion. Thanks, Phil.

In case you haven't been reading this page lately (you should read it, it's a good page), there have been some strong feelings being thrown around on the topic of abortion.

David Haut
Public Forum Editor

I think it's great that people on this campus are reading the stuff we work so hard to put out, and responding to it, but, a line does need to be drawn between personal opinion and personal vendetta. I enjoy reading the responses our student body wants to contribute and am thoroughly pleased at what you've offered this semester. I encourage all to keep writing.

I do, however, hope the abortion issue can come to a close at some point in this semester. It's an issue that will never be fully resolved, so let's leave it at that. I don't know how many minds we're going to change by calling each other "a-hole" at the bottom of page four.

I'm not trying to be critical, point any fingers, name any names or imply that these things are currently going on. Let's not take it too far; this is why we have Internet chatrooms, to bash people.

I'm not trying to discourage letters to the editor, but promote diversity in them. Does anyone have anything to say about our new vice president?

How about feelings on the proposed rec center? We always love to hear what you have to say about the Lions Den, and we didn't get a single letter about Jerry Manter's tantalizing column on beef jerky. People are always complaining about something on our campus, so here's your chance to say something.

To everyone who did send a letter, I send a personal thank you. Personally, I'm happy you've not only taken the time to read our paper, but also respond to it. It shows us that all the work we do is worth it, in one way or another.

Will the abortion debate ever end? No. People will always feel strongly about it, one way or another. We really appreciate all the letters you've sent, and encourage you to write us in the future. Any issue you would like to comment on or have your voice be heard, please bring it by *The Chart* office or e-mail it to *The Chart* (the e-mail is on the front page). All we ask, please be nice to people.

Thanks for reading. Please enjoy the rest of Public Forum, and feel free to write a letter to the editor.

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Competition offers culture

Chart Opinion

The time has come again to gain culture through the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

As a small university in southern Missouri, students of this institution should eagerly support the international piano competition hosted by Southern. This event brings talent from all across the globe, not to mention a first prize of $10,000 and a concert at Carnegie Hall. Most students are not aware of the size of this event.

The community has a unique opportunity to experience a cultural event. The MSIPC creates a great atmosphere for all to enjoy. Students are the closest to the competition as they are continuously joined to the campus. Students should use every chance to see the competition, as it is not limited to the outside community and faculty members.

The competition gives the University international recognition. Students should spend a small amount of their free time listening to these world-class pianists compete for a prize worthy of their stature.

Many have misconceptions of MSIPC, like the University pays for it (Southern does not, it is merely the host). These pianists not only perform at the University, but lucky members in the community are able to provide housing for the performers.

Southern students and faculty should show support for the University. Attendance at these performances reflect our feelings toward the event. We should be proud of the recognition MSIPC gives Southern.

Campus Voice

BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Do you think the MSIPC helps benefit Missouri Southern?

"Yes, because it contributes to the culture of the school and our abilities through all spectrums. I think that it's important for our students to be able to demonstrate their strengths."

Sylvia Rush
Senior
Elementary Education
Major

"Yes, it provides more of a diversity instead of just sports."

Stacie Tucker
Freshman
Nursing
Major

"First, it's internationally known. Second, it's an art. Third, it brings more students here."

Melissa Adamson
Freshman
Business
Major

"Yes, it brings in money to the community."

Brandie David
Freshman
Radiology
Major

"I'm not against the arts but I stand neutral on this matter. I do, however, think that it costs the University extra dollars that could be used elsewhere."

Kristy Goswick
Freshman
Sociology
Major

Letters

'Modern-day Holocaust' continues to claim lives of innocent children

Philip Martin has my admiration and support for his column titled, "Abortion denies lives to thousands." There are two views on the question "When does life begin?" The first view centers on the Christian belief that life begins at conception. The second view will be addressed to secular society. Due to limited space, I will concentrate on the second view. Abortion is wrong because life begins at conception, because the heart begins to beat three weeks after conception, and therefore abortion is murder.

Lennart Nilsson, M.D. and Lars Hamberger, M.D., co-authors of *A Child Is Born*, present excellent medical evidence of the prenatal stages of development. At conception, the fusion of a sperm and the ovum, a new life has begun. The cell division begins 12 hours after conception. When the mother to be has missed her menstrual period by a week, the embryo's tiny heart has already started to beat (*A Child Is Born*).

At 18 days after conception the heart starts beating, and on the 21st day the heart pumps the baby's own blood type through his circulation system (Wilke, *Abortion Questions & Answers*).

The overwhelming evidence proves that abortion is murder. After conducting interviews of abortion clinic workers, *Newsweek* magazine uncovered statements saying that no abortions are performed before six weeks and most take place at the eighth week or later (Alcorn, *Pro-life Answers to Pro-choice Arguments*). The abortionist wants to make sure the unborn is large enough "to do a proper inventory of his severed body parts (a hand or leg inadvertently left in the mother will cause a dangerous infection)".

Every single aborted child had a strong heartbeat and measurable brain waves. When a person no longer has a heartbeat or brainwaves, that is the definition of death. When there is a heartbeat and brain waves, we call it life. The definition of every legal abortion is death to the unborn baby — the end of that person's life. Human life begins at conception (Alcorn). As the abortionist arranges the arms and legs of the (now dead) baby to see if everything has been removed from the mother, can there be any doubt that what lies broken was a human being (Reagan, *Abortion And The Conscience Of The Nation*)?

The evidence against abortion is overwhelming. Life does begin at conception and the heart begins to beat three weeks after conception, at the time the mother-to-be has missed her menstrual period by one week. The science of biology points to life at conception. Intrauterine surgery saves pre-born life while abortion destroys pre-born life.

Hippocrates, the father of medicine, knew abortion was wrong and wrote the Hippocratic Oath, which bans abortion and the treatment of aborted women. The Bible acknowledges God's eternal love for us: "Just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4). A modern-day holocaust known as abortion continues with every passing minute, of every hour, of every day. The innocent little babies lost to the trash containers of abortion clinics would plead for the precious gift of life if they could. Their silent screams need to be heard.

Carole Seneker
Senior
Speech Communications Major

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Nancy Hight-Morris/ The Chart

Students who went to Chile last semester (right) prepare an hour-long program to discuss their experiences with others.

Group plans fall in Chile

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

The international mission of Missouri Southern has created many study abroad opportunities for students.

One such opportunity is the semester abroad program in Chile at the University of the Americas in Santiago, Chile.

Students who have participated in the program met Feb. 17 with students looking into the possibility of going in the future.

"It's a great opportunity and it changes your whole perspective," said Trish Udell, adjunct professor with the Institute of International Studies.

Udell said students wishing to work with the program should have taken some Spanish classes before going.

All majors are welcome to go.

Students are interested in the program for several reasons.

"I was born in Argentina," said Benjamin Burgess, senior Spanish and music major.

"It will provide me with an interesting insight into the culture."

Burgess said he wants to see relatives in the area and study the ethnomusicology of the region.

"I have only been able to achieve this through Missouri Southern," he said.

Jennifer Rogers, sophomore international studies and Spanish major, went to Chile last semester.

Rogers said her Spanish-speaking ability improved simply by being in the culture.

Several others who went with Rogers agreed.

"My comprehension increased. So did my confidence," said Danielle Dudley, graduated Spanish major.

Dudley added a semester to her college career in order to go on the trip.

Dr. Cristbal Sartori, associate professor of Spanish, said he has been to the country a couple of times and recommended the trip to others.

Students who go with the Chile program pay Southern tuition and room and board.

The only expenses are for travel and any personal expenses while in the country.

Students must have a 2.5 grade-point average and completed 60 credit hours in order to go.

Students with financial aid may apply the aid to the semester in Chile, however, anyone who goes on the trip must take enough credits in Chile that will transfer and count toward the aid's minimum hourly requirements. For example, if a student's aid requires 12 hours per semester before he or she can receive the aid, then that student must be able to transfer at least 12 hours from the Chilean university to keep the aid.

Also, the students will live in a rented house while staying in Chile, but it is within walking distance to the institute.

"I encourage anyone to travel overseas for the experience," said Amber Huser, junior international business major.

Huser attended the meeting for more information on the trip.

Students interested in the program may contact Udell at 625-9871.

Committee discusses Russia Semester focus

Faculty members prepare themed events

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

The mother bear will bring her cultural cubs to campus next semester.

The Russia committee met Feb. 11 to begin the process of determining what events should supplement the Russia Semester.

Among the items discussed were the Warsaw Philharmonic, the Russian Orchestra, a possible bus charter to Kansas City, gypsy folk singers, and the Russian Film Festival.

"I like to see Russian culture," said Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre and member of the committee. "[The semester will be] like we went to Russia, but we didn't."

Claussen said he would like to see as many cultural events on campus as possible including film, dance and theater activities.

He said the art department will bring an acting instructor, Stanley Harrison, from New York City to campus to lecture.

Harrison will give lectures on the Stanislavsky method of acting, a Russian acting style widely used today.

"It's going to be pretty exciting," Claussen said.

Many departments had a representative at the committee meeting. Spiva Library had its first committee representative at the meeting.

"We are always working cooperatively with the committee," said Wendy McGrane, director of Spiva Library.

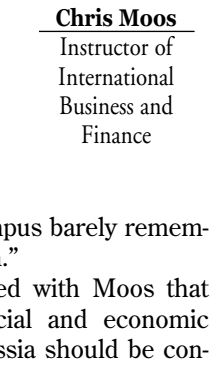
McGrane said the library will have Russian displays and will bring more Russian books to its collection.

The Literary Lions book club will also focus on Russia.

Chris Moos, instructor of international business and finance, represented the school of business at the meeting.

"It'll be a very interesting semester," Moos said.

He said he would like to see some of the semester events focus on the transition period that Russia is experiencing as it makes its way from communism to a free market economy.



Chris Moos
Instructor of International Business and Finance

The history of Russia was also discussed during the meeting.

"Russia has a very long history," said Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history.

"Most of the students on campus barely remember communism."

Teverow agreed with Moos that the current social and economic problems of Russia should be considered and would be good topics for lectures.

Teverow said the Russian past has seen challenges to its borders, government and economy in the last 300 to 400 years.

"Before we can form discussions, we must get an idea of the range of adaptations it (Russia) has made in the past," Teverow said.

The Russia committee is one of the largest semester theme committees so far.

"[The committees] do a great job at bringing culture programs to the campus," said Rod Surber, director of public information and committee member. "I'm looking forward to the variety."

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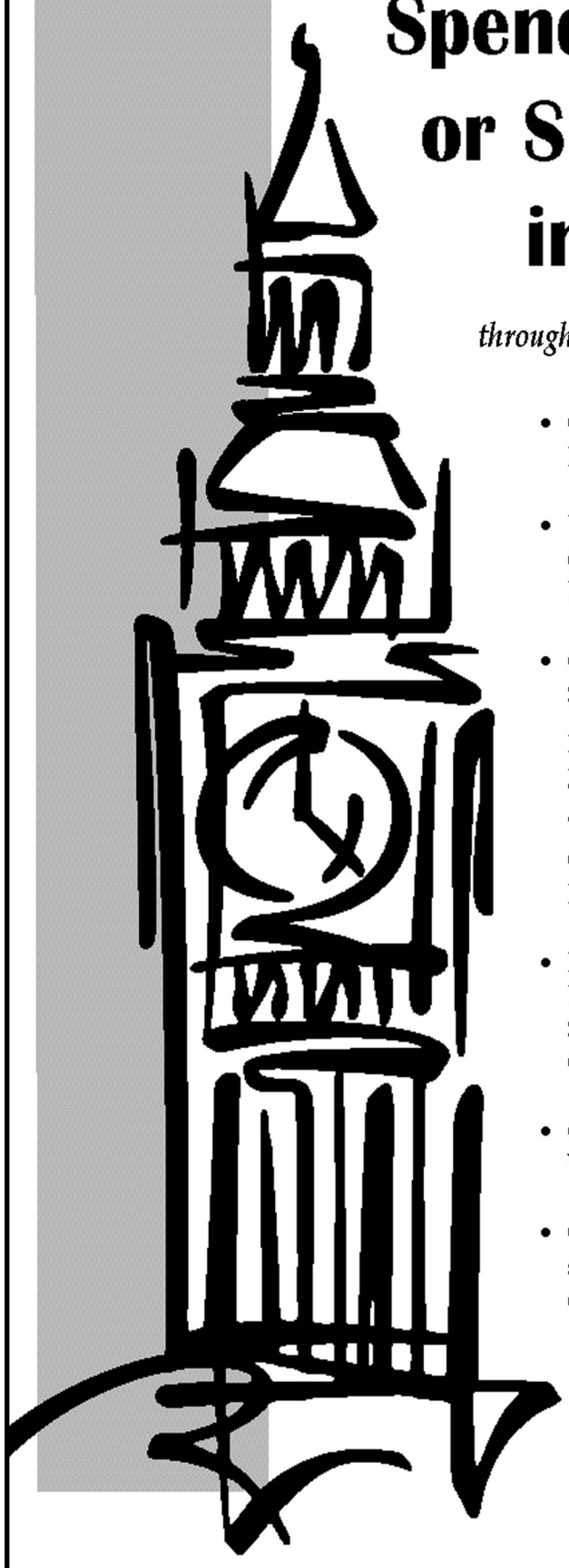

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Martin Truong, freshman undecided major, examines a painting by Jim Bray, professor of art. The piece is one of 38 in an exhibit at Spiva Art Gallery honoring Bray before his retirement in June. This painting tells the story of when Bray's family moved to Oklahoma.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Art professor bids farewell with final exhibit

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Longtime art instructor Jim Bray is retiring with style.

The current exhibit in the Spiva Art Gallery is a mix of 38 of Bray's favorite works of art celebrating his long career as an artist and instructor. After a 12-year teaching stint at Missouri Southern, Bray, professor of art, will retire in June.

The exhibit shows a variety of techniques, ideas and skills, from complex contemporary pieces to simple still lifes. A major theme running through the exhibit is mechanical devices, in particularly trains.

"Flying machines, trains, trucks and motorcycles, anything like that is fascinating to me," Bray said.

Bray thinks some of his attachment to the locomotive come from the fact his father was a hobo who taught him to jump the trains.

"It's a nostalgic thing, part of my past," he said. "They're memories of past experiences that had an impact on me."

His love for the locomotive stretches past his art and bleeds into his everyday life.

"I expect I'm one of the few people who will sit and watch a train and not get impatient," he said.

Various train subjects dominate the exhibit because Bray finds the intricate mechanisms challenging to draw. Unlike some other still lifes, Bray said students could spend up to 40 or 50 hours on one train painting.

"They're big and intimidating, but fascinating with colors, detail and shadows," Bray said. "It's a complex drawing problem, like a chess game. It's challenging and kind of an adventure to see if you can get all this stuff down on paper and then translate it to a painting."

Bray teaches life and figure drawing, acrylic and watercolor painting and typographical design. He regularly takes his students on outdoor excursions to paint old versions of previously glorious trains and trucks.

"I used to take my class to the Santa Fe rail yards," he said. "It was exciting, being there right in the middle of everything. They took us for a ride once."

Some of the other paintings in the exhibit concern World War II aircraft and old farmhouses while others are modern in nature and seem indecipherable at first glance. Regardless of the style, every work has its own story. As a collection the exhibit is deeply personal to Bray. He painted one of the exhibited works years ago for a friend who flew the warplane out of Germany. In the painting the plane's landing gear is down and the propeller is stopped because the plane ran out of gas and crashed.

Some of the contemporary pieces are Bray's favorites and particularly important to him.

"There's stories in all of them," Bray said. "There's stuff here that tells something about me because mixed in here is experimental stuff that contains more subjective matter. It's not just what I see, but a little of what I'm thinking and how I'm feeling."

Bray's experience includes illustrating and designing Hallmark cards and 28 years of teaching and administration at Phillips University in Oklahoma. Bray is a favorite among his students and his unique experiences and teaching style will be missed.

"We are so lucky to have him," said Genii Kress, senior studio art major. "He makes us look at stuff differently. I'll never look at a sky again without seeing it in watercolor."

The exhibit ends Feb. 27 with a reception from 4:30-7 p.m. in Bray's honor.

Bray intends to continue painting after his retirement.

"There's still a little bit of painter left in me," he said. "I can't think of anything I'd rather do."

Top five movies to see or see again before you die contain some lesser-known titles, old '80s favorites

Review Corner
David Haut

QUITE POSSIBLY THE GREATEST FRENCH-LANGUAGE, ENGLISH-SUBTITLED, JAPANESE ACTION-COMEDY OF ALL TIME.
jean RENO
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WASABI
FROM THE CREATOR OF THE FIFTH ELEMENT AND THE PROFESSIONAL

Wasabi

The Japanese dip that kicks like a mule. This is possibly the best English language French Kung Fu movie ever made. Just the thought of a French action movie should make you want to see this movie. The plot is pretty simple: Jean Reno is a French cop who goes to Japan to cause trouble. In case you're not bilingual, the movie is dubbed, which adds to the cheese comic appeal of the film. This hilarious action movie should not be missed.

Equilibrium

This movie has quite possibly the most original action scenes since *The Matrix*. The film is set in a futuristic world where human emotion is banned. Citizens are forced to take a daily dose of a drug to keep them subdued. Christian Bale plays the top cop in his unit, who one day stops taking the drug and realizes there is more to life than, well, nothing. If you can get past the cheesy plot and sub-par acting, this movie has some great action scenes.

Willow

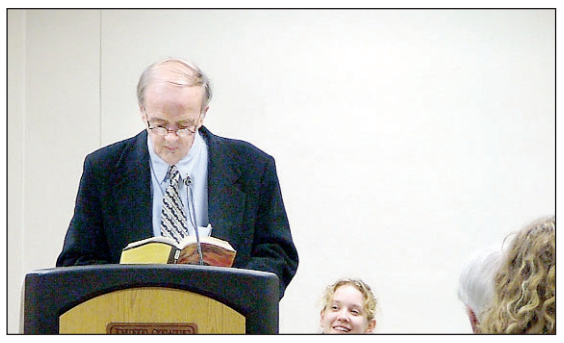
This movie was popular in the '80s, but in an informal survey, conducted by myself, I've found that a great number of people have not seen Ron Howard's epic. When Willow Ufgood, a magic aspiring dwarf, finds a prophetic baby, said to end the rule of the evil queen, he begins a quest to reunite the baby with her destiny. The special effects were great for the time and are still fun. If you haven't seen it, or it's been awhile, I highly recommend you pick it up.

Poolhall Junkies

Written, directed and starring Mars Callahan, the story chronicles a poolhall hustler trying to straighten out his life after learning his longtime backer, Joe, denied him the chance to go pro as a youngster. It's a fun indie film that goes beyond your average pool movie. The story is partially based on Callahan's life as a pool hustler. Also starring are Christopher Walken, Chazz Palminteri, Rick Schroder ("NYPD Blue") and Michael Rosenbaum.

Say Anything

Yet another '80s movie looked over by so many. In it, John Cusack is the underachiever who falls for the smartest, most beautiful girl in school. It's just too bad that she's leaving for England at the end of the summer, as well as having an overprotective dad. Yep, this is the movie that contains the now infamous scene where Cusack plays the Peter Gabriel song on the boom box that he holds above his head. Ahh, the things we do for love.



Pulitzer Prize winning poet, James Tate, visits Pittsburg State University and delivers a spellbinding and humorous reading of some of his most popular works. For information, read the story.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

David Pearson, freshman theatre major, as Hansel, left, Susan Putnam, senior studio art major, as Gretel, and Rachel Mastin, junior theatre major, as Hagatha the witch, rehearse for the new children's play, *Hansel and Gretel*, opening to general audiences 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Classic children's play receives new twists

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

New and old meet in Missouri Southern's upcoming theatre production, *Hansel and Gretel*, as a director makes his debut with a tried and true classic.

Lyndall (Lyle) Burrow, assistant technical director and director of *Hansel and Gretel*, has worked for the most part behind the scenes coordinating lighting and sound. But for the new play Burrow chose the script and blocked scenes.

The story's notoriety is the reason Burrow chose it for the traditionally less popular spring children's show.

"I picked this show because it was a story everybody would know," Burrow said. "It's a classic story that ranks up there with *Cinderella* and *Beauty and the Beast*. I was thinking that would hopefully draw a bigger crowd."

The play is based on the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale where young brother and sister, Hansel and Gretel, enter the forbidden woods to pick strawberries against the counsel of their father. Their stepmother manipulates the children into disobeying their father by saying he won't have anything to eat if they don't pick him some strawberries. Her real motive is to get rid of them. Hansel and Gretel are caught and held prisoner by an evil witch who lives in the forest and intends to turn the children into gingerbread. The script differs slightly from the classic in that instead of Hansel and Gretel escaping on their own and crossing a lake with a swan, the children's father comes to the rescue.

Burrow said even though the play is a classic, his version has new twists he thinks audiences will enjoy. The evil witch has two apprentices named Dizzy and Rasputin.

"They're fun," Burrow said. "Dizzy's dumb with lots of giggles and laughs. Rasputin is the brains of the two who's very logical about everything."

Dizzy also has a flying broom with a head attached to it named Boo Boo that she treats like a human being. Throughout the play, Dizzy plays tag and holds conversations with Boo Boo.

The version of *Hansel and Gretel* Burrow chose to use contains humor that both children and adults will appreciate.

"It's not just for kids; there's adult funny stuff too," he said.

Another reason Burrow chose the classic fairy tale was for the timeless moral it contained.

"The classic plays have some morals that are tried and true," he said. "This one says you should always listen to your father and that if you disobey, bad things are going to happen. I think that if you're 9 or 90, it doesn't hurt you to hear these values again."

The cast is small with eight people,and includes some familiar such as like Rachel Mastin, junior theatre major, as Hagatha the evil witch; Aaron Stockton, junior theatre major, as the father; and Abby Noose, senior theatre major, as Dizzy.

The play will be performed nine times by Sunday afternoon. The first seven performances are to area school children brought by bus. The remaining two shows are open to the public and begin at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are available at the box office for $1 for adults and $.50 for children under 13. Reservations can be made by calling 625-3190.

Pulitzer Prize winner delights audience with humor poems

BY DEBBY WOODWORTH
Staff Writer

James Tate, a Pulitzer Prize winning poet, held a public reading of his poetry through the Visiting Writers series at Pittsburg State University Feb. 12

A standing-room-only audience of an estimated 200 people crowded into the Governor's room of the Overman Student Center to hear the reading.

Dr. Stephen Meats, English chairman at PSU, invited students to sit on the stage behind Tate before announcing the guest speaker. Some 40 people sat cross-legged in the back or stood against the walls.

This was the second appearance for Tate in the last 32 years.

He received his bachelor's degree from Kansas State College in Pittsburg in 1965.

Meats read the multiple awards Tate has won.

"It might be easier to name the awards he hasn't won yet, such as the Nobel Prize," Meats said.

Tate has 12 collections of poetry and has received numerous awards, including the William Carlos Williams Award and the Wallace Stevens Award.

Tate was scheduled to speak to a PSU class on Friday morning.

During the poetry reading the audience laughed often as Tate lead them through the unexpected twists and turns of his verses.

One attendee wrote in her journal as she listened to Tate read.

Many people were dressed in their Sunday best.

"I don't think a lot of the people attending were English majors," said Cassie Lucas, business management major at PSU. "People from all of the community are represented here, not just students."

Lucas had read some of Tate's poetry in class.

"I enjoyed his use of humor," said Dianna Allen, PSU student. "I expected it to be drab, depressing or serious."

Some of the poems Tate read were "Bound and Duty," "Burnt Green Earth," "Negative Employee Situation," "Promotion," "All Over the Lot," "The Radish, Of Whom I Am Afraid" and "The Special Guest," a poem about a displaced Santa Claus.

Dr. Joey R. Brown, assistant professor of English, took a Creative Writing group from Missouri Southern to hear Tate.

"I prefer hearing poets read their work as opposed to reading the written word," Brown said.

Debby Woodworth/The Chart

Award-winning poet James Tate read a selection of poems to a crowd of students and locals Feb. 12 at Pittsburg State University. Tate has 12 collections of poetry.

Funny Thing About Life...

DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

You're driving home when it hits you; you're out of milk. Maybe you need some ice, or, if you're like me, you stop in for a Red Bull and a peanut butter Twix. No matter how you look at it, we all need convenience stores.

Now I don't know why we call them convenience stores, they're not convenient at all. They have lousy parking, no selection, bad service, high prices and the one thing that is convenient, the give a penny take a penny tray, is always empty, not to mention you always have to wait in line. They should be called inconvience stores.

Have you ever looked at some of the goods these places have to offer? The Campbell soups have dust on them. And who charges five bucks for 10 Tylenol?

So, what little more do these inconvenience stores have to offer than cigarettes and alcohol to minors?

Of course, we buy our gas from there, but I usually pay at the pump. I like pay at the pump for two reasons. First, I'm lazy, and second, I think I offended someone I call the Lotto lady. The Lotto lady has a full-time job scratching Lotto tickets. One day I commented on her losing streak. I haven't been back since.

Yeah, you can also gamble at convenience stores. You take a gamble when you walk into one at three in the morning. You take a gamble if you decide to eat one of the hot dogs that's been in there for weeks, and you really take a gamble if you decide to use the bathroom (especially if you need a key attached to a hubcap to get in).

Besides fuel for our cars, these stores offer nothing good for us. Beer, cigarettes, soda, candy bars, pork rinds – this is the reason we love these stores. With one stop we can gas up, get drunk, buzzed and fat.

So, the next time you stop at a store for gas and decide to go in, say, "hi" to the Lotto lady, don't eat the hot dogs and stay out of the bathroom.

David Haut, Public Forum Editor, writes a weekly humor column for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff members.*

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

20 *Against the Ropes, Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen, Eurotrip* and *Welcome to Mooseport* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Far From Yesterday concert @ 9:30 p.m @ The Green Room.

One Track Mind concert @ 8 p.m. @ The Armadillo Club @ Grand Lake Monkey Island.

21 Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Peacechurch, Frail, Skullpl8 and The Coventry Sacrifice concert @ 8 p.m. @ The Cesspool.

Titanic Blues Band @ 9 p.m. @ Jims Bar and Grill in Carthage.

Mardi Gras dinner @ 6 p.m. @ Fusion Bistro.

22 Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

The Swingle Singers jazz concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

WWE Smackdown @ 7 p.m. @ Memorial Hall

23 BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

Nicolas Kendall violin concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

CAB talent show deadline.

24 "Yojimbo" film @ 7:30 p.m. @ Matthews Hall Auditorium.

Karaoke Night @ 7 p.m. @ The Lions Den.

25 General all-ages extreme sports session @ 3 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor Billingsly.

26 Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

Weird News:

All information was taken from: http://www.fark.com

Beam me up Scotty:

ENGLAND — It's a classroom Jim, but not as we know it. A school has boldly gone and turned its computer room into a copy of the Starship Enterprise. Designers spent hours checking old Star Trek episodes for details to create the 70,000-pound facility in a former cloakroom.

Specially-moulded wall panels and lighting give a spacecraft effect as pupils work on their trekkie-style gadgets. The centerpiece is a viewing platform with a scene of deep space.

"It really captures the children's imagination," said Gwen Gibson, deputy head. "They half expect Captain Kirk to walk in."

Proof that alcohol does kill brain cells:

BANGKOK — A man from Buri Ram province who went on a three-day drinking binge returned to his job with a terrible pain in his abdomen which he apparently tried to cure by operating on himself.

A doctor the man consulted told him the pain was a result of too much alcohol and no food, but the man was convinced that the pain was a cursed strip of indigestible buffalo hide in his stomach. Investigators found the man's lifeless body in a pool of blood with a knife wound from the ribcage to the navel. His intestines had burst through the wound. No bufallo hide was recovered.

FUND-RAISER:

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"Some raise a small amount, but every bit helps."

Keeling said the telethon will be held at Missouri Southern and SNA has been helping with the campaign for the past four years.

She said the money goes toward the vans that help bring people to the center.

The vans run as far north as Lamar and as far south as McDonald County as well as in the Webb City area.

Keeling said except for the cost of printing the hearts and posters, which is not much, the money raised from the campaign "goes to the kids."

VanDaGriff said individuals can buy the hearts from the SNA by contacting the association through the nursing department at 625-9322.

PIANO:

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"Not only was he a perfect guest, but he practiced on our piano at an astounding level," Kleindl said.

Kleindl thought it would be a positive experience for his family because his two sons were taking piano lessons.

"For my sons to see someone at that skill level was pretty amazing," he said.

His family has stayed in contact with the contestant over the years.

"He's sent us photos of his wedding," he said.

The Kleindl family will once again be a host family this year.

"Once they (contestants) get here they are taken care of by the community," León said. "They immediately have a support system."

León said the competition does wonders for the University's international mission.

"We're getting Missouri Southern's name out there on an international basis," she said. "We want to make the University the center of culture in this area."

ENROLLMENT:

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increase in enrollment, not just in housing.

"I am excited to see the changes," she said. "I think it's going be a neat thing."

She said she was thankful for the administration and Sodexho for its support.

She also said she has talked to some students and they seemed excited about the changes as well.

University President Dr. Julio León said the enrollment drop is only temporary and blames the drop on the economy.

"It is obvious that tuition is increasing but as we stabilize it, enrollment will begin to climb back up," León said.

He said he is not discouraged by the enrollment drop because within a year or so things will begin to look good for the economy.

"I believe that we have weathered the worst of the storm and things will begin to look good again," León said.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Stephanie Harter, sophomore music major (left), and Jennica Sorenson, junior music major, sing a valentine to Scott Austin, a College Heights student.

NURSE:

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documents included: minutes of committees, program evaluation forms, the department's mission statement and contractual agreements.

"They did all of that to make sure we did what we said we would," Box said.

She said the accreditation will help the department recruit students.

"The students are pretty savvy coming in," Box said.

"They are asking questions like: 'Is the program accredited?'

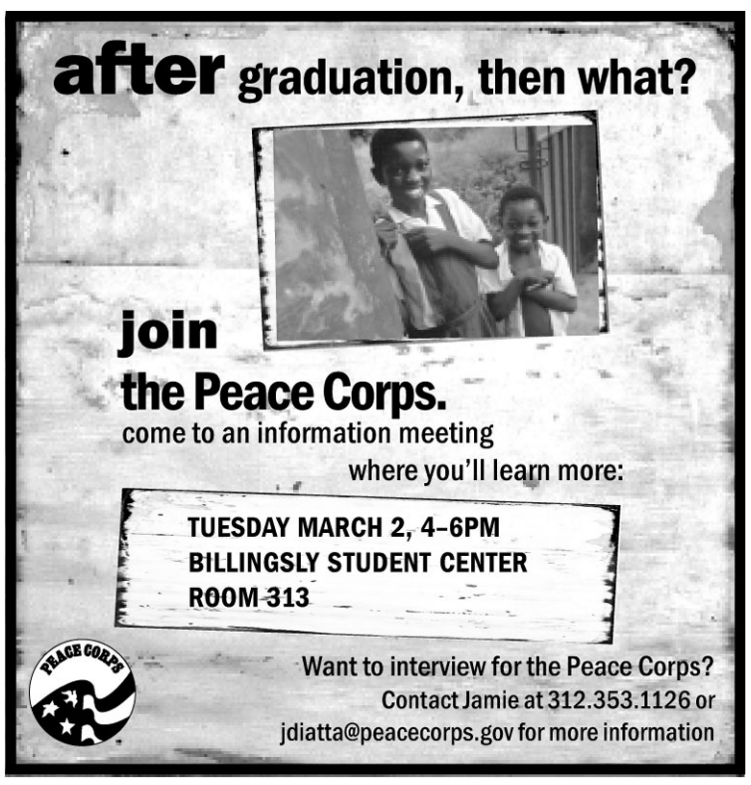
"Somewhere along the line they know there should be some standard that we have met nationally."

She said the faculty tells the students the program is accredited, because they match up with other institutions.

"We meet standards that are national, and we're equivalent to all other programs in the nation who are accredited by the same accrediting agency," Box said.

She believes the accreditation will not only bring in more students to the nursing department but will bring in more students to the University.

She said the accreditation is a plus and is something Southern can use to its advantage.



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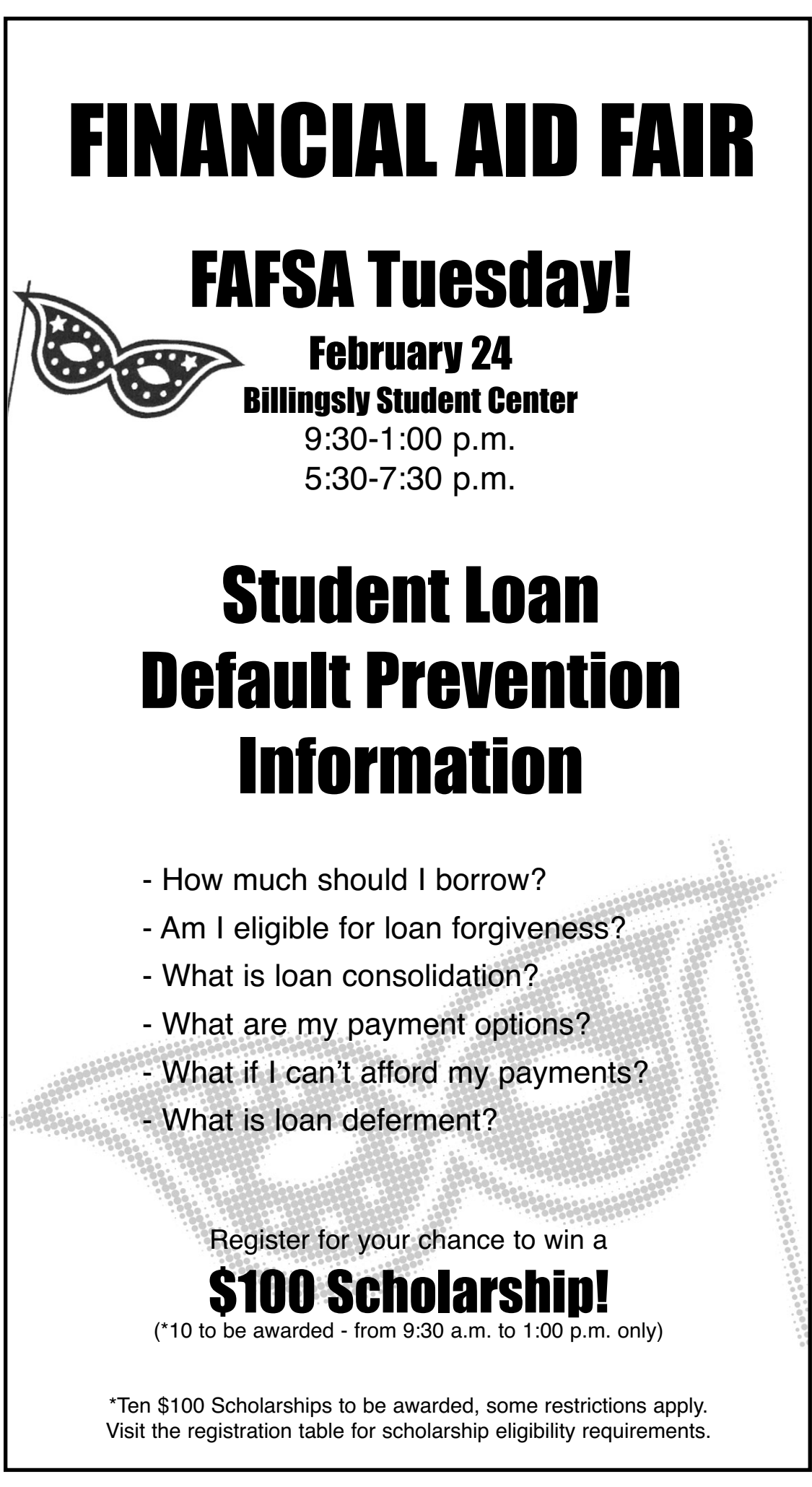
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Student Senate goes to capital

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Southern Student Senate visited the capital Feb. 17. Seventeen of the 40 student senators came to tour Jefferson City.

Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate, blamed the low turnout of student senators to the large amount of homework many of them had, as well as Senior Assessment Day Feb. 18.

"Students don't want to miss a day of class," Griffin said.

For those who did make the trip, he believed it was a good opportunity for them to see how a real senate works, especially for freshmen student senators.

Griffin said the attendance of student senators to the meetings was generally good, and he believed the small showing at the capital was an adequate representation for Southern.

In 2003, the Senate came to Jefferson City with plans to lobby the Assembly for Southern's name change.

This year the senators wanted to ask more questions about the House bill introduced by House Speaker Catherine Hanaway (R-Warson Woods) that would ask for $190 million to go toward a life science program at the University of Missouri, as well as additional funding for other regional universities in the state.

In previous years, the student senators have tried and failed to get an audience with the governor.

Despite e-mails, letters and telephone calls, a meeting could not be scheduled for this trip.

Zack Odem, Senate president, said during the past four years he had been on Senate, they had never had the chance to meet with the governor.

However, Rep. Steve Hunter (R-Joplin), Rep. Ron Richard (R-Joplin), Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin), Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Webb City), Rep. Kevin Wilson (R-Neosho) and Rep. Ed Emery (R-Lamar) all stepped out of the House session to meet with the student senators.

Emery spoke on the validity of the information currently used in science departments. A House bill exists that would separate science facts from theory and hopefully ensure that they are taught as such.

"Science is science, religion is religion and opinion is opinion," Emery said. "People teaching sciences do not always like facts."

Others believed educators should not continue to teach theories as facts.

"Fire them," Hunter said.

Ruestman said there was a need for interns at the capital, and she was disappointed when she contacted Southern and was told it would not be possible because of a lack of funding.

"This is a way for students to learn about the government first-hand," Ruestman said.

"And, I want to be able to say my intern is from my school."

The question was raised as to whether certain departments were working specifically to keep interns from coming to work with the representatives.

All of the representatives urged the students to register to vote and to become active in government.

Student senator Amber Hemphill, junior secondary education and social studies major, said she wondered how much Southern students really cared about what happened at the capital.

"Probably 75 percent don't know what is going on and don't care, " Hemphill said.

"They don't understand they can do something about it. If you care, come up here and do something."

Karena Wells/The Chart

Rep. Ed Emery (R-Lamar) speaks to Student Senate about House legislation.

Attorney General Ashcroft speaks to Mo. Chamber

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft came to the Capital Plaza Hotel Feb. 18 to speak to the Missouri Chamber of Commerce.

"I was asked if I was glad to be in my old stomping grounds," Ashcroft said. "Yeah, I remember a lot of stomping being done to me in the Senate. I don't know if that is good or not."

He said he had long told his staff how beautiful the Missouri state capital was and that now he had the opportunity to show and not just tell.

John Ashcroft
U.S. Attorney General

The attorney general gave a speech that focused on the importance of ridding the state, the nation and the world of corruption.

In 2003, corruption cost the United States $40 billion in growth, $170 million in retirement and $ 1 million dollars in jobs. Corruption made up seven percent of the annual federal income. Corruption made $2.3 million last year, which is more than the entire federal budget. The general asked the crowd to imagine how this money could have been put to better use.

He spoke how since the beginning of his term, challenges had faced the United States. First was 9/11, then the on going threat of terrorism, the corrupt activity of some of the country's leading corporations, the misuse of stock information and the threat of weapons of mass destruction that ultimately lead to war in Iraq.

"Democracy is a lesson in trust," he said. "Corruption destroys trust."

Ashcroft spoke on the work that had been done by President George W. Bush to end corporate fraud.

In December of 2003, the United Nations met in Mauta, Mexico, to work on corruption compliance codes in the United States and abroad. There are currently 94 countries involved in the treaty.

The president's 2003 Corporate Fraud and Accountability Act has helped to detain 354 corrupt groups. Currently, there are 617 different subjects, with 290 cases and 640 charges. Some 250 people have already been convicted.

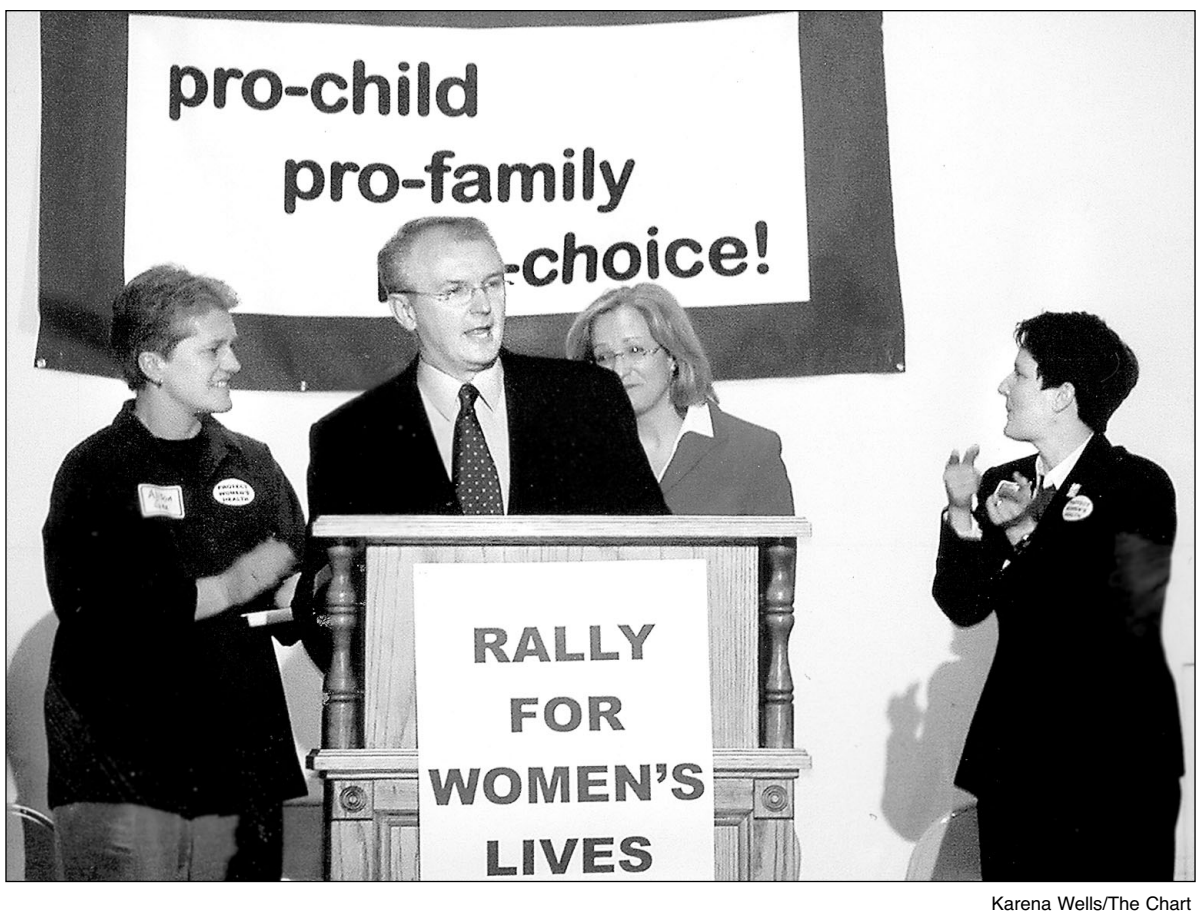
"Words must be backed up by action," Ashcroft said. "As long as there are terrorists to strike, politicians to bribe and stock to be sold, corruption will occur."

Secrecy, he said, helps to continue the spawn of corruption and must be stopped. Open boardrooms equal open markets.

The general said no executive should be above the law, no politician above the government and no individual too low to be raised up to their full potential.

He mentioned the tourism in Jefferson City and how people come to view the capital every day.

"To see Jefferson City is to see genius at work every day, the genius of the Missouri State government," he said.



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First Lady Lori Holden and Missouri NOW representatives applaud Gov. Bob Holden's work for women.

Gov. Holden rallies for women

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Jefferson City, Mo. — Signs reading "Pro-child, Pro-family, Pro-choice" floated throughout the Capitol rotunda Feb. 17 as representatives from Planned Parenthood affiliates in Missouri, NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri, Missouri National Organization of Women and Missouri Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice congregated to listen to addresses given by Gov. Bob Holden, First Lady Lori Holden, as well as Senator Maida Coleman (D-St.Louis) and Miss Missouri, Amber Etheridge.

Lori Holden spoke on the work her husband had done to ensure the protection of the rights of women. She urged the audience to continue to support the governor and other elected leaders who support their views.

"We are strong today, because we can draw from their strength," she said.

Gov. Holden talked on the importance of organizations such as Planned Parenthood.

"For many, many women, these low-cost programs are all they receive," he said.

"Family planning does reduce abortion. Our records in Missouri prove that since 1990 abortions in Missouri have decreased."

"Why do these legislators feel they need to be smack dab in the middle of the most important issue a woman can make?"

Bob Holden
Missouri Governor

He questioned Missouri legislators on why they continue to intrude on women's personal lives.

"Why do these legislators feel they need to be smack dab in the middle of the most important issue a woman can make?" Holden said. "What goes on behind closed doors is none of their business."

Contraception and the access to contraception for all women in Missouri was something the governor thought was important to the decrease in abortions.

The governor said $5 million was set-aside in the 2004 budget to go toward family planning. He accused the Republican legislators of cutting the money out of the budget before it could even be voted on. The year 2004 is an election year, and the governor urged everyone to become involved in the campaign, to give generously and to work every day to make sure Missouri government supports women.

"If they don't stand with us, let's find someone to replace them," Holden said.

"Don't tell me you can't get reelected on this issue."

The governor concluded with a statement promising the crowd that he would veto any legislation that reached his desk that was not pro-choice.

Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Webb City) rebuked the governor's claims that the House had kept money from going toward family planning.

"The House did not appropriate money to go to an organization that gives abortions or assists in abortions," Stevenson said.

"I presented an amendment that would include alternatives to abortion."

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

UMKC school of law plans three events

UMKC School of Law had invited the community to be a part of three separate events marking the historic Brown v. Board of Education decision of 1954 barring school segregation.

A lecture titled "Race Issues Fifty Years at Brown" will be held at the law school lounge at 7 p.m. Mar. 18.

A one-man show about the former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall will take place April 15 at the courtroom of the UMKC School of Law.

A community forum entitled "Hope for the Future: A Local Perspective" will be held at the Pierson Auditorium in the University Center, April 17.

Art and Science week brings out NPR icon

National Public Radio icon Linda Wertheimer will present "Here It Comes: Another Presidential Election" at the Arts and Science building as part of the 28th annual arts and science week at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Wertheimer is the current senior national correspondent for NPR and has reported on every single major congressional news story and presidential election since Watergate.

After 30 years of political reporting, Wertheimer has earned an insider's look at Washington politics and will offer a unique perspective on the significance of recent developments in the nation's capital.

Cottey College shows 'Beautiful Bodies'

Cottey College will present "Beautiful Bodies" at 8 p.m. Feb. 27 and 28 and Feb. 29 at 3 p.m. at the Auditorium of the Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts.

The play features Cottey actresses under the direction of Michael Denison, assistant professor of theater and speech. This black comedy by Laura Cunningham tells the tale of a baby shower given by a group of friends for one of their number who is seven months pregnant and intends to ride her bicycle to the hospital to deliver her baby.

The group includes a wispy Vogue model, a part-time waitress/actress, a very pushy yuppie realtor and other 'Sex-in-the-City" types.

"Beautiful Bodies" contains a mature theme and language that may not be appropriate for children.

Student fights disease, joins martial arts team

Alberto Friedmann, a St. Louis University student working on his Ph.D. in medical research, is also a victim of joint disease and an international martial arts champion.

Friedmann was supposed to be bound to a wheelchair by the age of 25.

Now 35, this graduate student at SLU will join the nation's top martial artists in competing against 40 other countries during an upcoming international competition.

Despite having Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a degenerative joint disease which leaves him in constant pain, Friedmann holds fifth-degree master black belts in Tae Kwon Do, Karate and Kubudo. He will join the U.S. Marital Arts Team at the Peace Games World Championships in Barcelona.

SMSU presents night of music, dancing

Southwest Missouri State University professors will present an interdisciplinary music and dance "Composers' Concert" at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in Brandt, Room 205.

This one-of-a-kind concert will feature original compositions by Robert Fruewald and Sterling Cossaboom, both active members of the Southwest Department of Music.

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Contraception, as defined by Stevenson, included birth control, not "the day after pill" or any other such drug and he thought it was a good thing to have available, but not something the state should necessarily be responsible for paying for.

Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin) said legislators were elected by the will of the people to represent the will of the people.

Ruestman supported a woman's right to choose, however she believed it was a right that needed to be carefully examined.

"There is a 24-hour waiting period before you can get a loan," Ruestman said. "Shouldn't there be 24 hours before a woman makes this important of a personal decision?"

She referred to legislation passed in 2003 that would require women to wait 24 hours before having an abortion.

"All we are asking is that you take this time and think about it," she said.

"We are not telling you what to do."

Matthew Williams age 5, of Joplin, takes a nap during the Feb. 18 men's basketball game.

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Joel Standeford, junior runner, left, receives the baton from Lucas Plocher, sophomore runner, during the Feb. 14 men's relay.

Southern strides to second place

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern men's track and field team travels to Norman, Okla., Saturday, to compete in the University of Oklahoma Invitational.

One week earlier the team placed second in the Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open in Joplin. The Lions finished behind Pittsburg State University by five points.

"It's always good to be humbled periodically," said Tom Rutledge, men's indoor track and field team coach.

"Yes, we lost by five points to Pittsburg State. Pittsburg has a good team. We didn't run our best, either. You have to put those things into perspective. We had some guys do a great job and really improve, but we don't make excuses. We should have still won that meet. And you put things into perspective, and you go back to work on Monday. That's what we do."

The Saturday meet will be the Lions' last before the conference championship, and they are eager to face off against their competition.

"We're just going to go down there and compete like we always do," said Chris Turner, junior pole-vaulter.

"We just need to compete like we know we can," said Niel Holmes, junior sprinter. "We need to go out and run as hard as we know we can,"

With just one meet left before the conference championship, the Lions are beginning to fine tune their performances and are confident they will perform well at the meet.

"Our shorter distance people are really starting to make a move," Rutledge said. "Are we making a move soon enough? I don't know. They are starting to understand to do the little bitty discipline things that are required at the collegiate ranks. We seem to be picking ground and improving, and you can't criticize a young man when he improves his times every week."

"I think that we're ready," Turner said. "We still have to get some people healthy. If we get everybody healthy, which we should have by the conference meet, we should be ready. We just need to compete hard and do what we've been doing."

"We just need for everybody to come together at one meet," Hombs said. "We need to work hard in practice and do what coach tells us to. There is no question in my mind that we can compete for the conference title."

"We know that we've got some talent, Rutledge said. "We've just got to put it all together in two weeks."

Women's track, field work toward championship

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern women's indoor track and field team has competed in four meets this season.

Two of those five meets have been in Joplin, and the Lions have won both of them, including the Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open.

"This was our fourth meet this past weekend, and we've really had some nice performances throughout the season," said Patty Vavra, women's head coach. "We've put our underclassmen in a wide variety of events, and it helps us to see what the best fit is for them, and they have responded very well."

Southern will next travel to the University of Oklahoma, in Norman, to compete, and the Lions are excited to once again take to the track in competition.

"We're ready for it and excited about it," said Danee Jones, junior thrower. "We're just ready to go out there and compete. We need everybody's top performance."

"As a team we just need to come out and do what we did this week," said Sara Mueller, sophomore jumper. "We just need to come out and compete."

"It's one of those meets where you have to go and show that you can compete with division one schools," said Shonna Sherrell, junior hurdler.

The Lions are also gearing up for the conference championships, which will be held March 12-13 at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. There they will face the other teams in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association, a conference they know to be tough from top to bottom.

"We have a lot of outstanding athletes in our conference," Sherrell said. "It's just like being in division one. I can't think of one school that you can discount. I'd say that across the board we are all pretty even."

"All of the other schools are looking pretty good," Jones said.

"The MIAA is always a strong conference," Vavra said. "We won our home meet over Pittsburg State by 11 points, but we're not seeing those teams in their full efforts. This early in the season, the intent is not to win meets as a team. But it is a confidence builder."

LION STATS

Women's Basketball

Feb. 18 Results

CMSU (54)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Orendorff	1-4	1-4	3
Richardson	3-7	0-0	6
A. Millham	5-12	0-0	11
Shackelford	3-10	7-10	15
L. Millham	3-7	0-0	9
Rorvig	1-3	0-0	2
Fromm	1-4	2-2	4
Messinger	1-1	2-2	4

MSSU (60)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Wilson	4-14	2-2	10
Harrell	6-11	4-7	16
Koenig	1-3	1-2	4
Greninger	0-0	0-0	0
Hallman	6-14	5-6	19
Deen	1-6	2-2	5
Adkison	0-0	0-0	0
Christiansen	2-4	2-2	6

CMSU	24	30 — 54
MSSU	34	26 — 60

Men's Basketball

Feb. 18 Results

CMSU (82)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Oliver	2-8	10-11	14
Weber	3-6	0-0	7
Rhodes	5-8	3-4	13
Collins	2-5	3-3	8
Soward	3-7	4-6	11
Rorvig	3-3	0-0	9
McFall	2-4	4-4	9
Williams	4-4	2-3	10
Chapin	0-0	1-2	1
Deren	0-0	0-0	0

MSSU (60)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Cavness	3-8	3-4	9
Rose	5-9	2-3	12
Engelken	0-4	0-0	0
Watts	3-7	0-0	8
Ocasio	1-8	7-10	9
Prue	0-0	0-0	0
Clair	2-4	2-2	6
J. Jones	1-6	0-0	2
Sherrel	1-3	1-1	3
Redmond	2-4	1-3	5
D. Jones	0-2	3-4	3
Habermehl	0-1	0-0	0
Collazo	0-0	3-4	3

CMSU	48	34 — 82
MSSU	31	29 — 60

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Jeremy Jones, junior guard, prepares to pass the ball during the Feb. 18 home game against Central Missouri State University.

Men's basketball falls to Mules, referees

Watts fouls out of game, Corn receives technical

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Sports Editor

The Lions played a physical game against the Central Missouri State University Mules Feb. 18 at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

It was a rough night for the Lions as they lost to the Mules by a score of 82-60.

The game was plagued by 29 fouls in all, including four technicals. Southern accounted for three of those technicals.

Ameer Watts was ejected from the game with 35.9 seconds left in the first half on his second technical foul.

The Lions coaching staff received one.

The Lions shot only 32.1 percent from the floor while averaging 45.8 percent on the season.

"We did a bad job on offense," said Orestus Cavness, junior guard. "I rushed a couple of shots that we went over in practice."

The Lions shot 8.3 percent in the three-point range and 71 percent in free throws. They were on the season 35.8 percent and 70.9 percent respectively.

"We weren't playing within our game, in ourselves and in our offense," Cavness said.

With only one more home game left, the Lions are looking for a win. The Lions host the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center on Saturday.

"Whether they (refs) did a bad job or not, we shouldn't let it affect us," Cavness said.

"For the rest of the season, I'm sure we can turn it around. We don't want to let the fans down."

Women's basketball team shuts down Central Missouri

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Sports Editor

The Lions pulled out a close one against the Jennies of Central Missouri State University at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center, 60-54.

The first half at the Feb. 18 game wasn't as close as the final score indicates. After a 12-0 run within a four minute and five second span, the Lions led at the half, 34-24.

Vonny Wilson, junior forward, said the tight games helped.

"We won all our overtime games this year," she said. "It gives us a boost."

Wilson had 10 points for the night.

The Jennies were down 49-34 in the second half had made a 15-2 run to bring the score within three at 51-49. The game grew to be the type the Lions respond to.

"We kind of lulled around and had to pick it up," Wilson said.

Aubrie Hallman, junior guard, led the Lions with 19 points, and said when it comes to a close game the Lions have to get their energy up.

"The last five minutes was ours, and we did a pretty good job of it," Hallman said.

"Earlier in the year, I would think if anyone would make a run on us, we would panic and shut down."

Maryann Mitts
Head Women's Basketball Coach

The Lions are in a position to be solid in the final minutes.

"Earlier in the year, I would think if anyone would make a run on us, we would panic and shut down," said Maryann Mitts, head coach.

The Lions looked ready to shut down Wednesday night.

"We played very good in the first half, but looked lackluster in the second half, but we played a lot of basketball," Mitts said.

"The last four minutes, we did exactly what we were supposed to do.We executed our zone to a 'T.'"

The Lions host the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats at 1 p.m. Saturday at Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

"I feel really good about our chances [for the rest of the season]," Mitts said.

Southern holds an overall record of 17-7, 8-7 MIAA.

The Bearcats hold an overall record of 19-5, 12-3 MIAA.

The Lions are ranked fifth in the conference and have already clinched a berth in the Sonic/MIAA Championships. NWMSU is tied for second and holds a berth in the championships, they are also ranked 17th in the WBCA/USA Today/ESPN Division II ranking.

The last time the two teams met the Bearcats won, 70-51.

The Bearcats are coming off a lost handed to them by Washburn University, 66-57.

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Carol Koenig, sophomore guard, drives down the lane during the Feb. 18 game against Central Missouri State University. The Lions defeated CMSU, 60-54

TAKING AIM

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Wyketha Harrell, senior forward, takes aim at the basket during the Feb. 18 game. The Lions defeated the Central Missouri State University Jennies, 60-54. Missouri Southern's next game is against the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Southern offers student activities

Programs bring healthy recreation to University

BY RUSS HAGERMAN
Sports Editor

Any students with the inclination to hike, climb or canoe should come see what Missouri Southern has to offer them.

Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation and wellness, said Southern offers a variety of programs for students, faculty and staff. On top of the usual activities seen around campus such as Natural High Week, Survivor Night, Spring Fling and Finals Madness, Fullerton said Southern offers student-initiated programs such as an upcoming Frisbee tournament.

"We have five special events, minimum, per year and are coordinated by the student activities office, student support center, Campus Activities Board and the Residence Hall Association," Fullerton said.

On the non-traditional sports side, there are tabletop football and sand volleyball. The outdoor recreation center offers seminars and workshops. The outdoor recreation center also rents equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, coolers and backpacks.

For those not so inclined to the outdoors, indoor recreation is available. Southern offers a 25-meter swimming pool.

An aquatics program offering aquacise or lifeguard training is available. Of course, there are always basketball, racquetball and the running track.

"We had about 3,500 students last year in intramural and the fitness side," Fullerton said. "We had a large number of students attend the special events."

Most students find out about the programs by directly asking student support services or by word of mouth. Students often say they didn't see any advertisement on the campus, Fullerton said.

"I have heard about them (intramural and outdoor programs), but I never got involved in them," said Joel Roush, sophomore pre-engineering major.

In its fifth year, Fullerton believes the programs can continue to grow.

"We've seen the numbers increase," he said.

The only problem seen is the limited amount of time allotted for students to use the facilities. Fullerton said Southern in hoping to gain more access in the future.

"We want to get the word out," Fullerton said. "Our programs are not set in stone; they can be tailored by student requests."

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